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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Introduction and purpose

The objective of this Statement is to provide clarity around our approach and expectations for home learning as children progress through our school.

The main purposes of home learning are:

- to strengthen the partnership between the school and parents and carers
- to help parents and carers to understand more clearly what their children are learning in school
- to give pupils the opportunity to practise, reinforce and consolidate learning which has taken place in school
- to encourage and develop the skills and attitudes of independent learning in all our children
- to help pupils to learn to plan the use of their time, to develop confidence and independence and prepare them for the expectations of secondary school

The role of parents/carers

The support of parents and carers is crucial to the success of home learning. They can support their children by:

- providing a suitably quiet place in which children can do their home learning
- making sure that children complete home learning that has been set for them on time and to the best of their ability
- encouraging children and praising them when they have completed home learning

While home learning is important, we also acknowledge the benefits of play and free time in a child's growth and development. We believe that time spent on home learning should be proportionate to age and should still allow children to take part in other out-of-school clubs and activities.

In addition to this, we appreciate that many of our parents work full time and we do not want to compromise the precious time that our families have to spend together during evenings and at weekends.

Our expectations of children engaging with home learning increase as they progress through the school. The table below explains what this looks like in each year group.

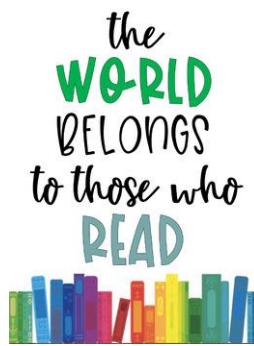
Reading

Reading plays an intrinsic part in the ability of our children to access learning across all other curriculum areas and to become truly independent learners.

We would like all our pupils to engage in some sort of reading activity at home every day, starting with our youngest children in Nursery. This could be the child reading out loud or being read to by an older sibling or adult. A bedtime story is an important part of a child's routine and is a fantastic way of immersing children in the vast array of amazing children's literature that is available.

Children from Reception onwards will bring home a reading book from school linked to their phonics sessions. They will also have access to the school library on a weekly basis to choose a book for pleasure.

We use an online recording platform called BoomReader to track and comment on any reading activities that your child does in school. Parents and carers are given log-in details for Boom Reader so that they can record reading which takes place at home.



Maths

As children progress through the school, they will be given access to different online platforms to support their learning of Maths. These include NumBots and Times Tables Rock Stars.

The table below outlines the time we expect children to spend on Maths home learning, depending on their age.

Optional STEAM Challenges

Each half term, weekly STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) challenges are set for children to investigate as part of their home learning.

The challenges are devised to link to our learning in school where possible. They give children the opportunity to demonstrate some of our CAPTAIN Learning Characteristics.

The weekly STEAM Challenges are optional and parents and carers can decide with their children which of the activities to complete and how to record and share this with school.

- C** We are communicators
- A** We are active learners
- P** We are problem-solvers
- T** We are team-players
- A** We are achievers
- I** We are investigators
- N** We are nurturers

HOME LEARNING OVERVIEW BY YEAR GROUP

YEAR	READING	MATHS	STEAM
Nursery	Reading as part of daily routine e.g. story at bedtime every day		
Reception	Reading 3 times a week (phonics matched book)	NumBots – 5 minutes, 4 times a week	Optional STEAM challenges up to 5 each half term
Year 1	Reading 3 times a week (phonics matched book)	NumBots – 5 minutes, 4 times a week	Optional STEAM challenges up to 5 each half term
Year 2	Reading daily (phonics matched book)	NumBots - 5 minutes, 4 times a week TT Rock Stars - 5 minutes, 4 times a week	Optional STEAM challenges up to 5 each half term
Year 3	Reading daily	NumBots TT Rock Stars -10 minutes, 4 times a week	Optional STEAM challenges up to 5 each half term
Year 4	Reading daily	NumBots TT Rock Stars -10 minutes, 4 times a week	Optional STEAM challenges up to 5 each half term
Year 5	Reading daily	NumBots TT Rock Stars -15 minutes, 4 times a week	Optional STEAM challenges up to 5 each half term
Year 6	Reading daily	NumBots TT Rock Stars -15 minutes, 4 times a week	Optional STEAM challenges up to 5 each half term

Handwriting

It is important that children can communicate and express their thoughts and ideas clearly in writing. Pupils may therefore be asked to practise their handwriting in addition to the home learning outlined above. This may include basic letter formation or joining letters where appropriate to develop a neat, flowing and regular script.